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Circular no. 2

Rome, September 27, 2004
Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

To the members of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear Confreres,

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts now and forever!

In our first *tempo forte* council meeting, it was decided that, in addition to the general report given in *Nuntia* about matters covered in the *tempo forte*, the Superior General would prepare a circular in which he would share in greater detail certain matters discussed at that meeting. So, my brothers, I would like to share with you some of the points we dealt with in our first *tempo forte* which was held from 13-17 September.

1. The naming of the **Assistant General for the Missions**. I, with my council, have named **José Antonio Ubillús** to this role.
2. The distribution among the Superior General and his Assistants of the **visits to the provinces and missions**. I am attaching a list of who will make the visit to each of the various provinces and missions. I ask that the Visitors help the Assistant who will be visiting your province by sending him Provincial Plans, Provincial Norms and other provincial activities that might be helpful. It would also be good if you would send him the provincial bulletin.
3. We determined the **different services** the Assistants and others at the Curia will cover **in the name of the Superior General**. These are:

<i>Service</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>
a) CIF	José Antonio Ubillús
b) Leonine College (students/scholarships)	Józef Kapuściak
c) SIEV	Juan Carlos Cerquera (Secretary General)
d) Vincentian Solidarity Office	Elmer Bauer (Treasurer General)
e) Website	Alfredo Becerra (Director of Vincentian publications)
f) NGO at UN	Gérard Du

g) Visitors' Conferences

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| i. APVC | Gérard Du |
| ii. CEVIM | José María Nieto |
| iii. CLAPVI | José Antonio Ubillús |
| iv. COVIAM | Gregory Gay |
| v. NCV | Józef Kapuściak |

h) Young confreres *

Gregory Gay

i) Financial Commission
for the Curia

Elmer Bauer

* Will be further developed and explained in a later circular.

4. We have named **Juan Carlos Cerquera** from the Province of Colombia as the new **Secretary General**. Juan Carlos was the assistant to the Secretary of the General Assembly in July.
5. I, with my council, have appointed **Manuel Ginete** from the Philippines, to serve as **the Delegate of the Superior General to the Vincentian Family**. He was the facilitator during the 2004 General Assembly. We named Manuel after having accepted a request from Benjamín Romo to leave that office. I want to publicly thank Benjamín for all the good work realized for the Vincentian Family in these years that he has been assigned to this delicate responsibility. He started the office from scratch and it has grown tremendously in its structure, in the unification of the Vincentian Family, in the creation of projects on the part of the Vincentian Family for the good of the poor. I thank him for his very close collaboration with the Vincentian Family in the name of Fr. Maloney over the past six years.
6. Orlando Escobar who has been **in charge of the Vincentian publications, *Vincentiana* and *Nuntia***, has also asked to leave this duty. That request has been accepted by myself and the council. I also want to thank Orlando for his outstanding contribution not only to the Vincentian Publications, but for other duties asked of him in his time here at the Curia. In his place, we have named **Alfredo Becerra** from the Province of Mexico.
7. Also in this first *tempo forte* meeting we had some preliminary discussion with regard to the **2004 General Assembly**. We looked at the evaluation and at the decrees approved by the Assembly. These latter will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Vincentiana*. We also considered the postulata which will be discussed at length in our next *tempo forte*. We will study at greater length the *Final Document* of the Assembly in order to hear the voice of the confreres. As members of the General Council, we

wish to discern and obey the direction the Spirit wants to give the Congregation in these next six years. We are going to begin our next *tempo forte* in the context of prayer over the *Final Document*, sharing with one another the fruits of our reflection.

8. We also spoke about the new **international missions**. The good news we want to announce is that Victor Bieler will be going to the Solomon Islands. We thank Victor for this fine example that he is giving to the whole Congregation. Even though he was the oldest confrere in the Curia and the oldest confrere at the General Assembly, he has graciously volunteered to take up this new mission with the rest of the confreres in the Solomon Islands. Thank you, Victor, for witnessing to your missionary spirit. Two other confreres for the international missions are Ivica Gregurec from the Province of Slovenia (Solomon Islands) and Diego Plá from the Province of Madrid (El Alto, Bolivia). Let us pray for their perseverance!

Those were the major points of interest that we discussed in our *tempo forte* council meeting. I hope, at the end of each session, to publish a circular which shares some detail about certain issues discussed.

That is all for now. I continue to count on your prayers in these first months of my mandate and that of the new General Council.

Your brother in St. Vincent,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. Gregory Gay, C.M." in a cursive script.

G. Gregory Gay, C.M.
Superior General

VISITS TO PROVINCES AND MISSIONS

(General Council, *Tempo Forte*, September 2004)

I. AFRICA

1. Madagascar	Gérard Du
2. Ethiopia	Józef Kapuściak
3. Congo (Belgium)	Gérard Du
4. Eritrea	Józef Kapuściak
5. Mozambique	José María Nieto
6. Nigeria	José Antonio Ubillús

II. AMERICA

1. Ecuador	José Antonio Ubillús
2. Central America (Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama)	José Antonio Ubillús
3. Argentina (Slovenian community in Argentina)	José María Nieto
4. Rio de Janeiro	José Antonio Ubillús
5. Curitiba	José Antonio Ubillús
6. Fortaleza	José Antonio Ubillús
7. Chile	José María Nieto
8. Colombia (Rwanda, Burundi)	José María Nieto
9. Costa Rica	José María Nieto
10. Cuba	José Antonio Ubillús
11. Mexico (Mozambique, not Los Angeles)	José María Nieto
12. Peru	José María Nieto
13. Puerto Rico (Dominican Republic, Haiti)	José Antonio Ubillús
14. Midwest USA (Kenya)	Józef Kapuściak
15. Eastern USA (Panama)	Józef Kapuściak
16. New England USA	Józef Kapuściak
17. Southern USA	José María Nieto
18. Western USA (and Los Angeles, Talpa [Mexico])	Gérard Du
19. Venezuela	José María Nieto

III. ASIA

1. South India (Tanzania)	José Antonio Ubillús
2. North India	José Antonio Ubillús

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| 3. Indonesia | Gérard Du |
| 4. Orient (Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Syria) | Gérard Du |
| 5. Philippines (South Korea, Thailand) | Gérard Du |
| 6. China | Gérard Du |

IV. EUROPE

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| 1. Austria | Gérard Du |
| 2. Sts. Cyril & Methodius
(Ukraine, Belarus, Russia) | Józef Kapuściak |
| 3. Paris
(Algeria, Greece, Cameroon, Vietnam) | Gérard Du / Józef Kapuściak |
| 4. Toulouse (Iran) | Gérard Du |
| 5. Germany | Gérard Du |
| 6. Ireland (England, Scotland) | Józef Kapuściak |
| 7. Barcelona (USA, Honduras) | José María Nieto |
| 8. Zaragoza (Honduras) | José María Nieto |
| 9. Madrid | Gregory Gay |
| 10. Salamanca (England, Mozambique) | José María Nieto |
| 11. Holland (Denmark) | Gérard Du |
| 12. Hungary | Gregory Gay |
| 13. Naples (Albania) | José María Nieto |
| 14. Rome | José Antonio Ubillús |
| 15. Turin | Józef Kapuściak |
| 16. Portugal | José María Nieto |
| 17. Poland (Austria, France, Belgium) | Gérard Du / Józef Kapuściak
+ another confrere |
| 18. Slovakia | Józef Kapuściak |
| 19. Slovenia (Argentina, Canada, Croatia,
Serbia, Montenegro) | Józef Kapuściak |

V. OCEANIA

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| 1. Australia (Fiji) | Gérard Du |
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VI. INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

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| 1. Bolivia, El Alto | José María Nieto |
| 2. Solomon Islands | José Antonio Ubillús |
| 3. Papua New Guinea | José Antonio Ubillús |